

occurred almost always in the afternoon, and mating began fairly soon after the wings were dry. The female was stationary, with her abdomen projecting upwards between her almost closed wings. The male ran dizzily across the substrate, flapping his wings and making occasional short flights, eventually homing in on the female. On making contact, he rapidly whipped the tip of his abdomen over to meet the tip of hers. After two or three attempts in this way, successful contact was normally achieved.

The 'dizzy' behaviour of the male suggests that this behaviour is prompted by pheromones, but I could detect no smell, nor could I see any eversible structures (other than the genitalia themselves) on either sex, in spite of considerable prodding as well as observation. It also seems that mating has to occur fairly soon after emergence: I deliberately put two individuals indulging in courtship into separate tubes and later put them together again, but there was no reaction, and no attempts at mating were made. — P. J. JOHNSON, 7, Haverhill Road, Horseheath, Cambridge, CB1 6QR.

COLEOPHORA FUSCOCUPRELLA H.-S. IN HAMPSHIRE. — In October 1979, I found several cases on birch in Havant Thicket, and the moths emerged the following May. More cases were found in October 1980. Small bushes, especially seedlings, are preferred; and when feeding is completed the cases attach to the stem of the foodplant. The species has been previously unrecorded in Hampshire. — Dr. J. R. LANGMAID, 38, Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hants, PO4 0NH.

AN ADDITIONAL EARLY SIGHTING OF THE SMALL TORTOISESHELL IN KENT. — Following Mr. Randall's note (*Ent. Rec.*, 92: 87), I should like to report another early sighting of *Aglais urticae* L. in the Isle of Thanet, Kent. At about midday on 25th January 1980, a single specimen landed on the roof of a white mini van parked in Rumfields Road, St. Peters, Broadstairs, and then flew into a nearby garden. It was a clear day, and mild for the time of year. This is certainly the earliest date that I have observed any butterfly species on the wing. — A. P. FOSTER, Ladn Vean, Grove Hill, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 5ES.

THE PALE EGGAR: TRICHIURA CRATAEGI L. IN KENT. — According to the *Supplement to The Butterflies and Moths of Kent*, this species appears to have become much scarcer in the county. It may therefore be of interest that I took two females in 1980, the first here on the night of 14th/15th September, and the second at m.v. at the southern end of Long Rope Wood, Orlestone on the 15th September. — M. ENFIELD, New Cottage, Warren Farm, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent TN25 4HW.

THE SMALL MARBLED: EUBLEMMA PARVA HBN. IN HAMPSHIRE. — A single specimen of this species came to my m.v. trap at Southsea on the night of 7th August 1980. — Dr. J. R. LANGMAID, 38, Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hants.